

side is suggesting just the opposite, and it is flat out not true.

The way to do it, www.medicare.gov, or just pick up the telephone and dial 1-800-Medicare. Log on or call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for personalized assistance with Medicare Part D. The amount of personnel has been beefed up tremendously in this last 6 weeks so when you dial that number the wait time probably is not going to be more than 45 seconds.

We are making the effort, and we will continue to make the effort, because it is the right and compassionate thing to do, Mr. Speaker.

I would just like to say in conclusion, we fuss and fight a lot around here, my colleagues. We all know that. Sometimes we embellish a little bit the arguments we make. And sometimes, very usually in a very honest way, we have differences of opinion on legislation and amendments and how you can make a bill a little bit better. We try to always not let the perfect get in the way and destroy the good. And that is the typical process.

But in something like this, I think that even though when we passed this bill, so-called in the wee hours of the night in November of 2003, there was bipartisan support. There was a lot of rhetoric back and forth, but in the final analysis there was bipartisan support.

It is time for the losing side, if you will, to get over that, to put that behind them, and not to continue to be obstructionists in a program that is a God-send for so many of our seniors and an absolute no-brainer as to whether or not they should sign up.

Back then, 2 years ago, you saw Members come to the well and symbolically tear up their AARP card because that organization had the nerve to support a Republican program, or to take that prescription drug discount card, that transitional program, remember my colleagues, where low income seniors got a \$600 credit towards the purchase of each of those drugs, for 2 years, \$1,200 real money before we got this program up and running January 6? Our colleagues on the other side of the aisle were saying, tear up those cards.

Well, that is all history. That is all water over the dam, regrettable. But it is definitely time for us to say to our colleagues, put that behind you. It is an election year. We know that. We can fight and fuss over other things. We can try to create wedge issues and play "gotcha" and make the other side look bad, and hope we can on our side keep the majority and on your side gain it. That is fine. That is fair. That is what this process is all about.

But in a program like this, where we are talking about needy seniors, let's don't play politics with it at all. Let's do the right thing, and the right thing is to get out there, Members, on both sides of the aisle. When you come home late tomorrow night or early Friday morning, have a town hall meeting on

Friday, maybe one on Saturday and one on Monday, and tell the seniors, even if you don't think this program is what it should have been and you could have presented a better program, let them know that there is a good benefit here and they need to sign up for it.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma (during the Special Order of Mr. GINGREY), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-460) on the resolution (H. Res. 810) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5122, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma (during the Special Order of Mr. GINGREY), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-461) on the resolution (H. Res. 811) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5122) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MCCARTHY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ETHERIDGE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. McDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ALLEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SNYDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BURGESS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. BIGGERT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1382.—An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to accept the conveyance of certain land, to be held in trust for the benefit of the Puyallup Indian tribe.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 11, 2006, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7385. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf — Incident Reporting Requirements (RIN: 1010-AC57) received April 25, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

7386. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), 30 CFR 250 Subpart A, General — Data Release and Definitions (RIN: 1010-AC99) received April 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

7387. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Closure of the Quarter II Fishery for Loligo Squid [Docket No. 051209329-5329-01; I.D. 041406A] received May 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

7388. A letter from the Director, Regulations & Disclosure Law, Customs and Border Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Port of Entry at New River Valley, Virginia, and Termination of the User-Fee Status of New River Valley Airport [USCBP-2005-0030; CBP Dec. 06-10] received April 17, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7389. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Rates for Pilotage on the Great Lakes [USCG-2002-11288] (RIN: 1625-AA38 (Formerly RIN: 2115-AG30) received April 21, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7390. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation; China Basin, San Francisco, CA [CGD11-05-020] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received March 16, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.